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I am referring the email below to you for a response.

If you need any information or background on DBA or David Crass feel free to ask myself or Cheryl Burdett.

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Nizanna, George, and Julianne,

Please see the request below from Dairy Business Association of Wisconsin (DBA) to Andrew Sawyers for a meeting to discuss the potential transfer of the NPDES CAFO program from DNR to Ag. I've heard murmurings of this, but this is the first time I've seen anything this concrete. I wanted to loop you in and see how you recommend we proceed. Thanks.

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Hello Joseph, could you please reach out for me. Please work with our Erika to schedule – thanks.

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Mr. Sawyers: Dave Ross recommended that I direct my meeting request to your attention.

Our Firm represents the Dairy Business Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (DBA) <https://www.widba.com/>

DBA is a nonprofit trade association of Wisconsin dairy farmers, milk processors and business partners in the dairy industry whose mission is to preserve and boost Wisconsin's dairy economy. Although DBA's membership is certainly diverse, many of the most progressive dairy farmers in our state are members. These larger family farms have the resources to deploy the latest technologies to ensure environmental protection while their family business grows. These farms are also the predominance of Wisconsin's Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) regulated under the Clean Water Act.

DBA has been working in close collaboration with Leadership in Wisconsin to follow the path of certain other states in transferring the NPDES permitting function from our Department of Natural Resources to our Department of Agriculture. At the heart of the transfer is a goal of efficiency and conservation of state resources where we have in large respects duplicative expertise in state agencies. Of course, as our state advances this initiative, EPA Region V involvement and approval will be critical.

We write to request a meeting with you to brief you on the background of these efforts and to solicit your assistance. You or your scheduler can simply reply to me re availability; I get to Washington, D.C. frequently.

Thank you for your attention to this request and I look forward to meeting you.

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